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Remarks

Applicant's originally filed thirteen (13) claims were rejected on grounds of alleged formal defects as well as on the basis of 35 U.S.C. 102 in view of U.S. Patent 5,621,200 - Irwin Jr. et al. Those claims have been canceled and replaced by a set of five new claims.

These new claims are believed clearly and patentably to distinguish Applicant's invention from the prior art as the latter teaches nothing about deriving a main code, or any code, from combining two signals which is then combined with a further signal to yield a signal representative of a predetermined property of the document.

It is earnestly urged that the application is substantively in condition for allowance as a result of the instant amendment.

In view of the fact that the undersigned attorney was compelled to prepare the instant amendment at very short notice, leave is respectfully sought to submit a substitute specification (new translation from the original German) of proper English idiom and complying with U.S. prosecution standards once the allowability of the claims has been determined.

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